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L-Amino-Acids by Fermentation
Using Coryneform Bacteria**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a listing of documents known to Applicants and/or their attorney in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. One of the documents submitted, WO 01/00844, is unusually long. As an aid to the Examiner in considering this reference, Applicants suggest consideration of sequence 569, appearing on pages 817-819 of this reference. The Examiner may also want to consider any portion of the '844 application in which this sequence is discussed.

Applicants do not waive any rights to appropriate action to establish patentability over any of the listed documents should they be applied as references against the claims of the present application. This statement should not be construed as a representation that more material information does not exist or that an exhaustive search of the relevant art has been made.

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Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-captioned application are respectfully requested. Any fee necessary for the filing of this document may also be charged to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 21123/278405.

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